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SUBJECT: TOKYO MEDIA REACTION - U.S.-DPRK RELATIONS

¶1. LEAD STORIES: All Wednesday morning papers led with the formal indictment pressed against the top aide to DPJ President Ozawa for allegedly violating the Political Funds Control Law by receiving illegal corporate donations from a general contractor.

¶2. "Negotiations to Be Prolonged over Release of Trapped Journalists" On the continued detention in North Korea of two Asian-American female reporters, the

liberal Mainichi wrote from Seoul (3/25): "While the USG has relayed to Pyongyang its concern over the continued detention, chances are high that bilateral negotiations for their release will be prolonged in view of the likelihood that bilateral relations would deteriorate in the event of a DPRK missile launch. At the same time, the incident may present Washington and Pyongyang an opportunity to officially launch a comprehensive dialogue."

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